GUARDRAILS

"No Boundaries" July 10, 2016

Guardrails: "a system designed to keep vehicles from straying into dangerous or off-limit areas."

Reaction towards those who set the rules:

- We feel negative towards them
- We test their boundaries
- We question their <u>authority</u>

How we should react to God's divine rules:

• We should recognize God's heart

"I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery." Exodus 20:2 (NIV)

• We should be grateful for God's blessing

"Keep his decrees and commands, which I am giving you today, so that it may go well with you and your children after you and that you may live long..." Deuteronomy 4:40 (NIV)

"The purpose of these laws is to cause you, your sons, and your grandsons to reverence the Lord your God by obeying all of his instructions as long as you live; if you do, you will have long, prosperous years ahead of you." Deuteronomy 6:2-3 (TLB)

• We should let God's rules lead us to Jesus

"And the person who keeps every law of God but makes one little slip is just as guilty as the person who has broken every law there is." James 2:10 (TLB)

"Therefore the Law has become our tutor <u>{to lead us} to Christ</u>, so that we may be justified by faith." Galatians 3:24 (NAU)